

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 14 and 26 are amended and claims 27-30 are added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 2-13 and 16 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 14, 15 and 17-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Yoshino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,782,219). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Yoshino fails to disclose or suggest a detachable member or an image forming device that includes a conductive member moving in a contact movement direction under contact by an electrical connection section, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 19.

Yoshino teaches a cartridge detachably mountable to a main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus (Abstract). Moreover, Yoshino teaches a development bias application contact point 410 provided on an image forming apparatus side made from a coil spring (Fig. 17; col. 13, lines 23-26). Also, Yoshino teaches a development bias application contact point 311 fixedly secured on a cartridge side (Fig. 18). However, because the development bias application contact point 410 is made from a coil spring, the contact point 410 is thus subject to deformation under the pressing force of the roller shafts. Thus, when the moveable contact point 410 deforms, the contact point has to be repaired. Moreover, because the contact point 410 of Yoshino is provided in the image forming device side, it becomes troublesome for a user to repair the contact point 410. As a result, because Yoshino does not teach a moveable conductive member mounted on a detachable member and thus cannot be easily replaced regularly, Yoshino fails to disclose or suggest the features of independent claims 1 and 19. As such, independent claims 1 and 19, and their dependent

claims, are patentable over Yoshino. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

New claims 27-30 depend from claims 17-19, respectively, and are thus allowable by virtue of the allowability of claims 17-19.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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